

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An oily external composition for skin comprising ~~a complex powder that the surface of lipophilic base powder is covered with~~ *where* zinc oxide and an oil component, wherein said complex powder is dispersed in said oil component, and wherein the zeta-potential of said lipophilic base powder is negative value at pH on skin. *? Relative theoretical?*
2. (Original) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1, wherein the covering rate of zinc oxide is the range of 1 to 90% relative to the surface of lipophilic base powder in the condition of dispersing in oil.
3. (Currently Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said lipophilic base powder is swelled in the condition of dispersing in oil.
4. (Currently Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the zeta-potential of said lipophilic base powder is -10mV or less at pH on skin. *? Relative*
5. (Currently Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein said lipophilic base powder is an organic powder.

6. (Original) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 5, wherein said lipophilic base powder is one or more selected from the group of silicone resin, silicone rubber, silicone resin-covering-silicone rubber, polyamide, polymethyl methacrylate and ethyl carbamate.

7. (Currently Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~, wherein ~~the comprising silicone oil as an oil component~~ comprises silicone oil.

8. (Currently Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the content of said complex powder is the range of 1 to 50 % by weight.

9. (Currently Amended) The oily external composition for skin according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein said composition is an emulsion type.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ use of the external composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ as a rough skin recovering composition.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ use of the external composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~ as a sensitive skin caring composition.

12. (Original) A complex powder that the surface of lipophilic base powder is covered with zinc oxide, wherein zeta-potential of said lipophilic base powder is negative value at pH on skin.

$$X = A + B \quad \rightarrow \quad A = A_1 + A_2$$

$A$  = complex powder  
 $B$  = oil component, silicone oil  
emulsion for skin

$A_1$  = lipophilic base  
 $A_2$  = zinc oxide